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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOR MIKLOS FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SHAH OF IRAN), MASS, IR, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SHAH OF IRAN

1. STATE VISIT WENT EXTREMELY WELL. SHAH TOLD ME UPON HIS DEPARTURE THAT HE WAS "PROFOUNDLY SATISFIED."

2. ON QUESTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES, NO RPT NO COMMITMENTS WERE MADE. HOWEVER, SHAH MADE OUR TASK EASIER BY REDUCING HIS WISH LIST IN AIRCRAFT CONSIDERABLY. IN EFFECT, HE WILL FOREGO REPLACEMENT OF HIS F-5-E AIRCRAFT. THIS MEANS THAT HIS DESIRED F-16 AND F-14 ACQUISITIONS CAN BE COUNTED AS REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN INCREMENTAL. I AM TOLD THIS DISTINCTION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CONGRESS.

3. THE MATHEMATICS ARE 188 F-5-E CURRENTLY IN INVENTORY,

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AGAINST THIS

THE SHAH WISHES TO BUY 70 MORE F-14 FOR A TOTAL OF 150, AND 140 F-16 FOR A TOTAL OF 300. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM AN AIR DEFENSE FORCE OF 450 AIRCRAFT.

4. AS FAR AS F-4 REPLACEMENTS ARE CONCERNED, THE SHAH AGREED THAT HE COULD DEFER DECISIONS ON THIS UNTIL THE

MID-1980S. HE DID, HOWEVER, STRESS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, EITHER IN THE C-130 TYPE OR FOLLOW-ON MODELS. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT CO-PRODUCTION OF THE 214-B HELICOPTER (WHICH I UNDERSTAND ARMISH HAS RECENTLY BEEN AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM).

5. ON OTHER MATTERS, HE SPOKE OF CO-PRODUCTION OF THE DRAGON ANTI-TANK WEAPON AND HINTED AT OTHER INTERESTS IN THE MISSILE FIELD. HE DID NOT RPT NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF FFG-7 FRIGATES.

6. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED HERE THAT THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS MATTER IS TO COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM REFLECTING THE DESIRES DESCRIBED ABOVE, TO DESCRIBE IT TO THE CONGRESS AS THE GENERAL SCOPE OF GOI INTEREST OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND TO TIE IT INTO THE OTHER STUDIES WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY. INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS IN APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEARS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS BROAD PLANNING SCOPE.

7. ARMISH WILL SOON RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO WORK WITH TOUFANIAN TO DEVELOP THAT GENERAL SCOPE PAPER. OUR GOAL WILL BE TO HAVE IT READY BY DECEMBER 15, SO THAT IT CAN BE REVIEWED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO TEHRAN. I WILL ASK THAT THE DOD INSTRUCTION TO ARMISH CONTAIN A
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PRECISE LIST OF THE WEAPONS DISCUSSED BY THE SHAH.

8. I WANT YOU AND BOB MARTIN TO BE DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE COMPILATION OF THIS SCOPE PAPER. YOU SHOULD BE SURE THAT TOUFANIAN AND HIS LADS DO NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT TO OVERLOAD IT WITH OTHER ITEMS OR THEIR LAUNDRY LIST, SUCH AS THE FFG-7. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO BE SURE THAT NOTHING IS SET IN CONCRETE UNTIL I GET THERE AND CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT WITH YOU AND ARMISH MAAG.

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